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Each of the documents listed on the attached form equivalent to Form PTO-1449 is in the English language.

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